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Sorrells *et al.*

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**For: Method and System for Down-  
Converting an Electromagnetic  
Signal, Transforms for Same, and  
Aperture Relationships**

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Art Unit: 2617

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Document US5 was cited in a Notice of Allowance in related U.S. Patent Application No. 10/453,622, filed June 4, 2003, entitled "Active Polyphase Inverter Filter for Quadrature Signal Generation," directed to related subject matter.

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Documents US15 and US16 were cited in a Notice of Allowance in related U.S. Patent Application No. 10/914,337, filed August 10, 2004, entitled "Method And System For Down-Converting And Up-Converting An Electromagnetic Signal, And Transforms For Same," directed to related subject matter. Also cited in said Notice of Allowance were U.S. Patent Nos. 4,761,798; 6,144,846; 6,400,963; 6,611,569;

6,836,650; 6,853,690; 6,873,836; and 7,194,246, all of which have already been cited in the present application.

Documents US17-US19 were cited in an Office Action in related U.S. Patent Application No. 11/355,167, filed February 16, 2006, entitled "Methods And Systems For Down-Converting A Signal Using A Complementary Transistor Structure," directed to related subject matter.

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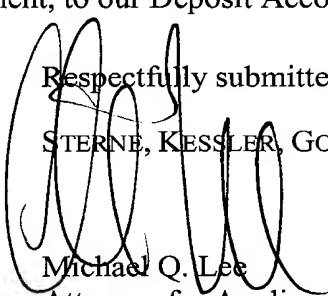
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